1	2	3
33.		Jodhpur
34.	Sikkim	Gangtok
35.	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
36.		Coimbatore
37.		Madurai
38.		Thrunavelli
39.		Trichy
40.	Uttar Pradesh	Kanpur
41.		Lucknow
42.		Noida
43.		Allahabad
44.	Uttaranchal	Dehradun
45.	West Bengal	Kolkata
46.		Durgapur
47.		Khargapur
48.		Siliguri

Tele-density in Jharkhand and adjacent States

3853. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the average tele-density in rural areas of the country at the end of years from 2002-03 up to 2006-07 indicating the situation in rural areas in the State of Jharkhand during the said period;

(b) the plans implemented, if any, by Government for enhancement of tele-density in rural areas of Jharkhand and in its adjacent States, namely, Bihar, West Bengal and Orissa, in particular;

(c) the target set by Government to increase tele-density in Jharkhand and adjacent States, as in part (b) above during the years mentioned in para (a) above *vis-a-vis* achievements; and

(d) the targets set for the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Average tele density in the rural areas of the country at the end of years from 2002-03 upto 2006-07 indicating the situation in rural areas in Jharkhand State is given below:—

Sl. No.	Year	In the country	In Jharkhand
1.	2002-03	1.49%	0.40%
2.	2003-04	1.57%	0.45%
3.	2004-05	1.73%	0.50%
4.	2005-06	1.86%	0.58%
5.	2006-07	2.91%	1.08%

(b) Following plans have been implemented in all these States:—

(i) Agreements were signed with M/s BSNL, M/s RIL and M/s TTL and M/s TTL (MH) for installation of Individual Rural Household Direct Exchange Lines (RDELs) during 01.04.2005 and 31.03.2007. These RDELs were to be installed in the eligible Short Distance Charging Areas (SDCAs), where cost of providing telephone connection is more than the revenue earned.

(ii) Subsidy support is also being provided for Rural DELs installed in the eligible SDCAs during the period 01.04.02 and 31.03.05.

(iii) One time subsidy support has also been provided from USO (Universal Service Obligation) Fund for Rural Household direct Exchange Lines (RDELs) installed in the country prior to 01.04.02.

(iv) A scheme has been launched by the Government to provide support for setting up and managing 7871 number of infrastructure sites spread over 500 districts in the country for provision of mobile services including other Wireless Access Services like Wireless on Local Loop (WLL) using Fixed/Mobile terminals in

the specified rural and remote areas, where there is no existing fixed wireless or mobile coverage. The details of towers to be set up in the states of Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa and West Bengal are given below:

State	Number of Districts	Proposed Towers
Bihar	37	489
Jharkhand	18	305
Orissa	30	432
West Bengal	16	167

(v) BSNL (Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited) has resorted laying of under ground cable up to 5.00 Kms of telephone exchange for providing telephone connection on land line against the earlier standard of 2.50 Kms.

(vi) BSNL is deploying WLL (Wireless in Local Loop) network in rural areas to meet the demand of telephone connection beyond 5.0 Kms. of telephone exchange i.e. scattered and far flung rural areas and where telephone connection is not possible on land lines.

(vii) BSNL is deploying its mobile network to cover gaps in existing coverage and additional requirements based on customer requirements besides covering villages with population of 5000 and above, BSNL has now planned to cover villages with population of 1000 and above.

(c) and (d) The target set by BSNL in Jharkhand and adjacent States for the year 2002-03 to 2006-07 and target for 2007-08 are given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of target set by BSNL in Jharkhand and Adjacent States

Circle	During 2002-03		During 2003-04		During 2004-05		During 2005-06		During 2006-07		Target for 2007-08
	Target	Achieve-ment	Target	Achieve-ment	Target	Achieve-ment	Target	Achive-ment	Target	Achieve-ment	
Jharkhand	93200	90414	96000	101347	75500	87053	157524	211863	61300	146875	432000
Bihar	215800	161075	255000	143599	219150	179635	449167	448605	160000	162593	592000
Orissa	147000	151395	137000	139421	159600	181940	241857	311313	216200	224352	463000
West Bengal	217000	217236	285000	165730	266000	195046	304714	440238	335900	364269	720000
BSNL (All India Target)	5590000	4770300	6061000	3459381	5000000	6286404	7500000	8224225	10000000	9564350	18751000